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## Point Reyes National Seashore Employees Donate \$10,000 to Community Charities

For the second consecutive year, Point Reyes National Seashore has received the Sector Award for financial contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The Sector Award is presented to federal areas that have substantially increased their overall contributions from the prior year. The award was presented to the Seashore last Friday and accepted by Assistant Superintendent Frank Dean and Park CFC Coordinator Rena Fugate at the official ceremonies in Oakland. Point Reyes employees contributed over \$10,000 to community charities. Overall, federal employees in the Bay Area contributed over \$3.2 million to charities across the nation this year.

The mission of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is to support and promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. The Combined Federal Campaign was established in 1961 by a Presidential Executive Order to consolidate numerous charitable campaigns, allowing for a single campaign to be conducted once a year in all federal, postal, and military places. Over the years, the CFC has become a very effective and meaningful way to voluntarily reach out, to touch the lives of people who really need us.

It's tradition of commitment to the community through the selfless efforts of Federal employees has its roots in the many charitable campaigns of the early 1960s. Seeing a need to bring the diversity of fundraising efforts under one umbrella, federal employees created the CFC - one campaign, once a year.

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**Point Reyes National Seashore** 

Point Reyes Station, California 94956

By allowing employees to select from a single guide making their contributions through payroll deductions, the CFC opened wide the door to more opportunities for generous giving to hundreds of worthy causes. An Executive Order made the CFC a reality, and turned an innovative idea into a uniquely effective way for federal employees to help those in need within our own community, across the nation, and throughout the world. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal Workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the second largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world and is comprised of over 350 local CFC campaigns carried out by PCFO's throughout the nation. The Bay Area CFC is the ninth largest in the nation!

Last year, there were 1,661 local, national and international charities and federations, which were participants in the San Francisco Greater Bay Area CFC. In order to be eligible to participate in the CFC, charitable agencies which are non-profit organizations with a 501(c) 3 IRS tax status, must meet specific requirements stated in the governing regulations from the Office of Personnel Management.

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